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Subject: Proof that IE6 is anti-competitive

Hi,

Just dropping you a line asking you to not sell out to Microsoft. They are using their monopoly to force out their competition. The latest example: Internet Explorer 6.

It won't communicate to my email software, even though IE5.5 would! Whenever I click on a mailto hyperlink it used to fire up Eudora mail and I could then use my favourite email client to write my email.

Now with IE6 it won't let me. Whenever I click on a mailto link it brings up a horrible box asking me to select a Microsoft Exchange/Outlook express profile, so that I have to use Outlook!

They're doing this to try to stop people from using other email clients! That's being extremely unfair to companies like Qualcomm and Pegasus Mail!

Please don't sell out to Microsoft. They need to be split in two, into a operating systems, and an applications software companies, otherwise they will have no incentive to be fair (when they make their operating system) to pure application software companies.

If they are not split now, they will just get worse and worse, until you suddenly wake up one day and find all your (and our!!) computers are running the same defunct systems that are amazingly expensive, and very unreliable!

Please don't sell the people of the world out! We are relying on you!

Thank you,
Chris Pearce.